

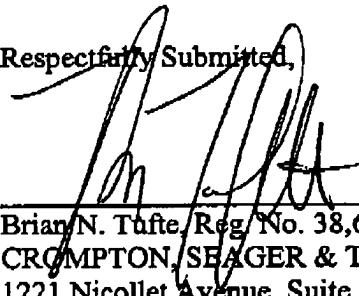
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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicants have received and carefully reviewed the Office Action of the Examiner mailed October 19, 2004. Claims 1-16 are pending. Restriction was made between Group I, claims 1-14, drawn to a damper assembly and its operation, and Group II, claims 15-16, drawn to a method of controlling a damper. Applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-14 without traverse.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance, please contact the undersigned attorney at 612-677-9050.

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